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COMMENTS of PROCIB MEMBERS on POSSIBLE ELIMINATION of PROCIB

1. Department of Agriculture

Mr. Mohrhardt states that he considers PROCIB invaluable, particularly in bringing forth new sources of information in the publications procurement field. This is the first time that people in Mr. Mohrhardt's position have been able to deal on a wide basis with other persons involved in publications procurement. He is strongly in favor of continuation of PROCIB either as a USIB committee or as a committee under CIA leadership.

2. Army Map Service

Mr. Vogel would like PROCIB to be continued either under USIB or CIA leadership. He believes this mechanism to be invaluable in handling the various problems which arise and in learning what others are doing in the field of publications procurement. It also produces added ideas on procurement problems and assists in ironing out various problems. Mr. Vogel also finds it helpful to have this mechanism to secure solution and support through unified committee action in this field.

3. Atomic Energy Commission

Mrs. Freer feels that, while USIB sponsorship is not mandatory, it does add weight to these functions. She feels that the publications procurement program is a national asset and a national strength, but that the degree of coordination is for CIA to decide. Mrs. Freer does not believe the functions would be affected if the committee was placed under CIA leadership, rather than under USIB, but believes the committee structure should be retained on a formalized basis.

4. Library of Congress

Mr. Coffin, both personally and officially, would like the continuation of a publications procurement committee but he does not feel it makes much difference whether or not it is a USIB committee. He states that before the Library of Congress was invited to participate on PROCIB, it did not receive as much information or assistance and vice versa. He believes the exchange of information is very useful and helps to keep the procurement line straight, and that the formal meetings are a focal point in accomplishing this.

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5. National Library of Medicine

Dr. Rogers feels that a periodic meeting of a committee on procurement serves a useful purpose and that it should proceed as at present (though not necessarily as a USIB committee) to evaluate the continued sentiments of the members. He feels that there might be some merit to meet on call rather than to force an agenda. I assured him that I had no intention of calling a meeting when there were not sufficient items to make a worthwhile agenda, and that for this reason the February meeting of PROCIB would probably be canceled.

6. National Science Foundation

Mr. Feinstein is strongly in favor of continuing some form of committee structure in the publications procurement field either as a USIB committee or under CIA leadership. He stated that one would have to have "rocks in their head" to eliminate the committee completely. He further stated that if PROCIB had not been in existence and functioning the National Science Foundation would have had to establish a similar committee.

7. National Security Agency

25X1A [redacted] expressed a definite desire for the continuation of a committee and that it would be preferable to continue under USIB. It was her feeling that this emphasized the intelligence needs and might also be helpful to secure stronger coordination of the evolving DIA procurement program. 25X1A In any event, [redacted] feels that there must be a coordinating committee, and that CIA should run a strong committee if PROCIB is eliminated. [It is probable that her views will be somewhat diluted by the NSA policy committee.]